

**TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2015**

**Room 217**

**Minutes**

**Attendance:** Members—Judy Borden (Chair), Charles Cleary, Helga Gordon, Judy Wyman Kelly (Secretary), Margaret Liu, Karyl Shaughnessy. Town Liaison—Marcia Lewis.

- **Membership:** Charles Cleary was welcomed as a new member. Mary Ann Langton has reached her term limit of two terms. David Knishkowsky is moving out of state and has submitted his resignation. When David's resignation becomes official on May 12, there will be two vacancies on the Commission.
- **Minutes:** It was moved (Helga G) and seconded (Karyl S) that the minutes from 4.7.15 meeting be approved with no changes. The vote passed unanimously.
- **Training/Retreat:** Due to limited funds, the Commission is investigating less expensive or no-fee options for training and retreats. In addition to other options, one suggestion was to hold several social hours for Commissioners to get to know each other better.
- **Possible future events:**
  - a. Book/film discussion (library-based?)
  - b. Author visit (investigate *Little Princes* author possibility)
  - c. Discussion of online implicit bias testing (explore local author/professor possibility)
  - d. Events based on local issues
  - e. Panel on adult bullying and/or micro aggressions in the workplace and elsewhere
  - f. Panel on disability issues and inclusion
  - g. Co-sponsor coffee hour with police
- **Annual events already in place:**
  - a. Martin Luther King Day
  - b. Park Rd parade
  - c. Dec 10 International Human Rights Day, school-based celebration, K-12
- **Announcements:** Coffee Talk with Local Leaders, May 9, 10:30-11:30, Faxon Branch library.
- **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.
- **Next meeting:** Tuesday, July 7, 2015, 7 pm, Town Hall, room 217.

*Minutes submitted by Judy Wyman Kelly*